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By Representative Orcutt

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1 AN ACT Relating to measuring the performance of the state
2 transportation system; amending RCW 47.01.071 and 47.64.360; and
3 reenacting and amending RCW 47.04.280.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.071 and 2007 c 516 s 4 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The transportation commission shall have the following functions,
8 powers, and duties:

9 (1) To propose policies to be adopted by the governor and the
10 legislature designed to assure the development and maintenance of a
11 comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation system which will
12 meet the needs of the people of this state for safe and efficient
13 transportation services. Wherever appropriate, the policies shall
14 provide for the use of integrated, intermodal transportation systems.
15 The policies must be aligned with the goals established in RCW
16 47.04.280. To this end the commission shall:

17 (a) Develop transportation policies which are based on the
18 policies, goals, and objectives expressed and inherent in existing
19 state laws;

20 (b) Inventory the adopted policies, goals, and objectives of the
21 local and area-wide governmental bodies of the state and define the

1 role of the state, regional, and local governments in determining
2 transportation policies, in transportation planning, and in
3 implementing the state transportation plan;

4 (c) Establish a procedure for review and revision of the state
5 transportation policy and for submission of proposed changes to the
6 governor and the legislature; and

7 (d) Integrate the statewide transportation plan with the needs of
8 the elderly and persons with disabilities, and coordinate federal and
9 state programs directed at assisting local governments to answer such
10 needs;

11 (2) To provide for the effective coordination of state
12 transportation planning with national transportation policy, state
13 and local land use policies, and local and regional transportation
14 plans and programs;

15 (3) In conjunction with the provisions under RCW 47.01.075, to
16 provide for public involvement in transportation designed to elicit
17 the public's views both with respect to adequate transportation
18 services and appropriate means of minimizing adverse social,
19 economic, environmental, and energy impact of transportation
20 programs;

21 (4) By December 2010, to prepare a comprehensive and balanced
22 statewide transportation plan consistent with the state's growth
23 management goals and based on the transportation policy goals
24 provided under RCW 47.04.280 and applicable state and federal laws.
25 The plan must reflect the priorities of government developed by the
26 office of financial management and address regional needs, including
27 multimodal transportation planning. The plan must, at a minimum: (a)
28 Establish a vision for the development of the statewide
29 transportation system; (b) identify significant statewide
30 transportation policy issues; and (c) recommend statewide
31 transportation policies and strategies to the legislature to fulfill
32 the requirements of subsection (1) of this section. The plan must be
33 the product of an ongoing process that involves representatives of
34 significant transportation interests and the general public from
35 across the state. Every four years, the plan shall be reviewed and
36 revised, and submitted to the governor and the house of
37 representatives and senate standing committees on transportation.

38 The plan shall take into account federal law and regulations
39 relating to the planning, construction, and operation of
40 transportation facilities;

1 ~~(5) ((By December 2007, the office of financial management shall~~
2 ~~submit a baseline report on the progress toward attaining the policy~~
3 ~~goals under RCW 47.04.280 in the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium. By~~
4 ~~October 1, 2008, beginning with the development of the 2009-2011~~
5 ~~biennial transportation budget, and by October 1st biennially~~
6 ~~thereafter, the office of financial management shall submit to the~~
7 ~~legislature and the governor a report on the progress toward the~~
8 ~~attainment by state transportation agencies of the state~~
9 ~~transportation policy goals and objectives prescribed by statute,~~
10 ~~appropriation, and governor directive. The report must, at a minimum,~~
11 ~~include the degree to which state transportation programs have~~
12 ~~progressed toward the attainment of the policy goals established~~
13 ~~under RCW 47.04.280, as measured by the objectives and performance~~
14 ~~measures established by the office of financial management under RCW~~
15 ~~47.04.280;~~

16 ~~(6))~~ To propose to the governor and the legislature prior to the
17 convening of each regular session held in an odd-numbered year a
18 recommended budget for the operations of the commission as required
19 by RCW 47.01.061;

20 ~~((7))~~ (6) To adopt such rules as may be necessary to carry out
21 reasonably and properly those functions expressly vested in the
22 commission by statute;

23 ~~((8))~~ (7) To contract with the office of financial management
24 or other appropriate state agencies for administrative support,
25 accounting services, computer services, and other support services
26 necessary to carry out its other statutory duties;

27 ~~((9))~~ (8) To conduct transportation-related studies and policy
28 analysis to the extent directed by the legislature or governor in the
29 biennial transportation budget act, or as otherwise provided in law,
30 and subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
31 specific purpose; and

32 ~~((10))~~ (9) To exercise such other specific powers and duties as
33 may be vested in the transportation commission by this or any other
34 provision of law.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 16 s 1 and 2015 3rd
36 sp.s. c 1 s 304 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

37 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals
38 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the
39 state's transportation system. The policy goals established under

1 this section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories
2 adopted by the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on
3 November 30, 2000. Public investments in transportation should
4 support achievement of these policy goals:

5 (a) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation
6 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people
7 and goods to ensure a prosperous economy;

8 (b) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
9 utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;

10 (c) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
11 transportation customers and the transportation system;

12 (d) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and
13 people throughout Washington state, including congestion relief and
14 improved freight mobility;

15 (e) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through
16 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance
17 healthy communities, and protect the environment; and

18 (f) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,
19 effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

20 (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation
21 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy
22 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

23 (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for
24 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related
25 performance measures.

26 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the (~~department of~~
27 ~~transportation establish~~) office of financial management, in
28 consultation with the transportation commission, establish objectives
29 and performance measures for the department and other state agencies
30 with transportation-related responsibilities to ensure transportation
31 system performance at local, regional, and state government levels
32 progresses toward the attainment of the policy goals set forth in
33 subsection (1) of this section. The (~~department of transportation~~)
34 office of financial management shall submit objectives and
35 performance measures to the legislature for its review and shall
36 provide copies of the same to the commission during each regular
37 session of the legislature during an even-numbered year thereafter.

38 (5) A local or regional agency engaging in transportation
39 planning may voluntarily establish objectives and performance
40 measures to demonstrate progress toward the attainment of the policy

1 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section or any other
2 transportation policy goals established by the local or regional
3 agency. A local or regional agency engaging in transportation
4 planning is encouraged to provide local and regional objectives and
5 performance measures to be included with the objectives and
6 performance measures submitted to the legislature pursuant to
7 subsection (4) of this section.

8 (6) This section does not create a private right of action.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.64.360 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 306 are each
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (1) The department of transportation shall complete a government
12 management and accountability performance report that provides a
13 baseline assessment of current performance on the performance
14 measures identified in RCW 47.64.355 using final 2009-2011 data. This
15 report must be presented to the legislature by November 1, 2011,
16 through the attainment report required in RCW ((47.01.071(5) and))
17 47.04.280.

18 (2) By December 31, ((2012)) 2016, and each year thereafter, the
19 ((department of transportation)) office of financial management shall
20 complete a performance report for the prior fiscal year. This report
21 must be reviewed by the transportation commission and joint
22 transportation committee before the report is submitted to the
23 legislature and governor.

24 (3) Management shall lead implementation of the performance
25 measures in RCW 47.64.355.

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